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DHSS Proposes to Readopt N.J.A.C. 8:62, the Rules Establishing Standards for Lead Certification

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services proposes to readopt the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:62, Standards for Lead Certification. N.J.A.C. 8:62 establishes standards for issuing permits to lead abatement workers, supervisors, inspectors/risk assessors, and planner/project designers, and for certifying providers of training for these job classifications.

The Standards for Lead Certification are part of the State's overall effort, in concert with efforts of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), to implement a comprehensive program to address lead, and to comply with Federal requirements for state lead program activities.

N.J.A.C. 8:62 was initially adopted by the department in 1995, and readopted in 2000. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1c, N.J.A.C. 8:62 was scheduled to expire on July 3, 2005. The filing of the notice of proposed readoption of N.J.A.C. 8:62 with the Office of Administrative Law operated to extend the expiration date to December 30, 2005.

The Department is in the process of evaluating the impact on N.J.A.C. 8:62 of recent rulemaking activity by the DCA. The DCA rulemaking activity implements requirements of the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Act, P.L. 2003, c. 311, approved January 20, 2004. Upon the conclusion of this evaluation process, the Department anticipates conducting rulemaking activity to address any impact. The Department, in a continuing effort to meet Federal program requirements, and in coordination with the DCA, anticipates that this future rulemaking activity would address training requirements with respect to the new disciplines of lead-paint maintenance, lead-safe work practices and sampling technician.

Therefore, to maintain the effectiveness of existing N.J.A.C. 8:62 during the pendency of this evaluation process, the Department proposes to readopt existing N.J.A.C. 8:62 without change.

The proposal appears in the August 15, 2005 issue of the New Jersey Register. The public has until October 14, 2005 to comment on the proposal.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposal must submit their comments in writing to Joseph D. Eldridge, M.P.H., Program Manager, Indoor Environments Program, Consumer and Environmental Health Services, Public Health Protection and Emergency Preparedness Branch, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, P O Box 369, Trenton, NJ 08625-0369.

Written comments must be postmarked on or before October 14, 2005, which is the close of the 60-day public comment period.

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